



# Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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**Chairman:** Cllr Doug Cracknell | **Vice Chairman:** Cllr Keith Evans

**Town Clerk:** Helen Symmons PSLCC



MINUTES OF A MEETING PLANNING, HIGHWAYS & LICENSING COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021  
HELD AT LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Cllrs: David Bowry, Doug Cracknell, Paul Gilson, Alan Hart, James Preston and Emma Mills

Absent: Cllrs: Vinice Cowell and Keith Evans

In Attendance: Helen Symmons (Town Clerk)

***The meeting opened at 7.30pm***

70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Vinice Cowell and Keith Evans

71. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

***There were none***

72. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 14th September 2021 were **AGREED** to have been an accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

73. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

There were none

74. LICENSING APPLICATIONS

Two applications had been considered under Standing Order 30a:

**MAD DOGS & ENGLISHMEN INTERIOR LTD 1349 LONDON ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA, ESSEX, SS9 2AB**  
Ref: 21/02011/LAPREM

*Application to vary the Premises Licence to extend the Licensing activities and times as follows:*

*Recorded Music  
Late Night Refreshments  
Supply of Alcohol*

*Friday & Saturday 22:00hrs - 24:00hrs*

*The current licence is: -  
Sundays and Mondays - 12.00 (noon) to 20.00 hrs  
Tuesdays to Saturdays - 12.00 (noon) to 22.00 hrs*

**OBJECTION** on the prevention of public nuisance, and the protection of children from harm.

1. By increasing the license by an additional 2 hours, it would lead to an increase in the noise disturbance to residents. With houses directly behind the premises as well as the surrounding areas the neighbours could be further disturbed, resulting in a public nuisance. No other premises in the area currently have a license this late.
2. A large number of customers attending the premises are parking in the surrounding residential streets. By extending the license by the additional 2 hours until 24.00 it will cause further noise disturbances to the nearby residents with customers leaving at midnight and returning to their vehicles, resulting in a public nuisance.
3. After the premises closes there will be some clean-up required, including disposing of bottles/glass in the external bins outside of the premises. Late at night this noise will carry and would again lead to noise disturbances to the neighbours, resulting in public nuisance.
4. The premises is located in a densely populated residential area, there is the potential for minors to see/hear any public disturbances caused by the patrons. Additionally, with the large number of residents in the area it is likely it would cause sleep disturbances to both children and adults in the area.

At the last licensing hearing (29<sup>th</sup> April 2021) the applicants gave assurances that that application would be the last if permissions were given. The main reason stated at the hearing for requiring the later license (until 22.00) would be to provide a glass of prosecco/cocktail with an afternoon tea. It was stated that they had no intentions of becoming a late-night venue or a pub as the final service of afternoon teas finished around 19:00 on a Saturday, which is why at that hearing the license was only required until 22.00.

There are inconsistencies now with the information provided by the applicants at that hearing and this current licensing application submitted.

The request for a later premises licence is out of keeping with the current establishment and is not necessary. A planning decision was made 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021 by Southend Borough Council which refused a change of use from a tea room and furniture store to a tea room and cocktail lounge and granting this license application would be in contravention of planning permissions currently in place.

**THE VINE 149 LEIGH ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA, ESSEX, SS9 1JF**

Ref: 21/02010/LAPREM

*Application to vary Premises Licence, to remove licence condition No.1 on the current Licence which states: All areas of the premises shall be operated predominately as a restaurant with a minimum of 50 covers. This condition will not apply on 12 occasions a year (no more than 2 in a calendar month) where a pre-booked event is to take place and where the police licensing team and the licensing authority have been provided with at least two working days' notice of the event.*

**OBJECTION** on the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

1. The current conditions require patrons to be seated, by removing this condition and essentially turning the premises into a bar could result in overcrowding of the space, so with more people on the premises there is the potential for anti-social behaviour, resulting in crime and disorder and public safety.
2. By no longer operating predominately as a restaurant it would lead to an increase in the noise disturbance to residents, with houses directly behind the premises as well as the surrounding areas the neighbours could be further disturbed, resulting in a public nuisance.
3. With a larger floor space available, it is likely more patrons will visit the premises from out of the area, resulting in taxis and people gathering outside in large groups, causing further noise disturbance to the local residents.
4. The premises is located in a densely populated residential area, there is the potential for minors to see/hear any public disturbances caused by the patrons. Additionally, with the large number of residents in the area it is likely it would cause sleep disturbances to both children and adults in the area.

By removing the licensing condition 1 we believe it will have a negative impact on the surrounding community to the detriment of the neighbourhood turning it from a restaurant to a bar essentially.









